



# Legislative Update

## March 2008

*This report updates the status of legislation for the 2007–08 legislative session, for which the Commission is considering continuing current and recommended positions on newly introduced legislation.*

*The legislation is arranged by Commission priority areas followed by a more general listing of bills, for which the staff recommends that the Commission watch at this time. As the legislative session progresses, staff will apprise the Commission of related changes.*

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### Access

**AB 100 (Mullin) – As Amended January 24, 2008 – Commission Position – *Support (pending)*:** This bill, as amended, proposes the Kindergarten–University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2008, to be presented to voters in the November 4, 2008 general election. The bill does not yet specify per-segment allocations in the \$9.1 billion bond. Commission staff worked with the authors to include its findings regarding joint facilities use and capital planning. Staff notes that the Governor's proposed 2008–09 budget calls for a \$14.1 billion 2008 facilities bond to provide \$6.4 billion for K-12 and \$7.7 billion for higher education facilities.

**Status:** Assembly: Passed. Senate: To Senate Rules for Committee Assignment. 2-Year Bill.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official support or opposition.

**AB 1409 (Portantino) – As Amended July 18, 2007 – Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill, as amended, authorizes school districts to enter into partnerships with community college districts to provide college-level courses and career-technical education opportunities to high school students. It allows students to enroll in community college courses upon the recommendation of their principal and with the consent of their parents. This bill limits the percentage of students who can be recommended by their principal for community college summer attendance. The bill specifies that these concurrent students would be counted as community college students for funding purposes, unless a school district has or will receive an allowance or appropriation for their attendance. Recent amendments require the Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to report annually to the Department of Finance on the amount of enrollment generated by each community college district. The bill did not

make its fiscal committee deadline and will likely not move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee: 2-Year Bill.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No recent official support or opposition.

**SB 890 (Scott) – As Amended August 20, 2007 – Commission Position – Watch:** This bill, as amended, establishes the Early College Commitment Program to be administered by the Superintendent of Public Instruction until January 1, 2020. This effort is intended to increase college preparation for low-income and underrepresented K–12 students. Participating districts are required to conduct programs to increase high school completion rates and motivate students to take challenging coursework. The bill requires participating districts to provide college information and preparation events for students. It provides that students fulfilling the specified program requirements and enrolling at a community college will be eligible for a Board of Governors fee waiver. The bill requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to evaluate the program and make a recommendation on whether it should continue. This bill is well-intended and consistent with the Commission’s policies on financial aid outreach and access. While the implementation cost could limit its application, it could provide substantial outreach efforts to students who are unlikely to obtain a higher education. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch this bill due to its cost implications.

**Status:** Senate: Passed. Assembly Appropriations Committee: 2-Year Bill.

**Supporters:** This bill has received a broad base of support from K-12 districts, community college districts, community organizations, unions, and the private and public sector.

A complete list of supporters is available at the Commission’s Web site:

[http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/sen/sb\\_0851-0900/sb\\_890\\_cfa\\_20070709\\_171352\\_asm\\_comm.html](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/sen/sb_0851-0900/sb_890_cfa_20070709_171352_asm_comm.html).

**Opposition:** (June 27, 2007 version) No official opposition.

## Affordability

**AB 2261 (Ruskin) – As Introduced February 21, 2008 – Commission Position – Support (pending):** This bill would authorize the California Community Colleges Board of Governors to use lottery revenues to create a competitive grant program for faculty and staff to develop centers for “open education resources.” The bill defines open education resources as learning materials whose copyrights have expired or that have been released with an intellectual property license that permits their free use. These materials may include entire courses, course materials, textbooks, classroom lecture videos, and other techniques to transmit knowledge. Grant recipients would be selected based on demonstrations of ability to accomplish the goals of the bill. The program is a two-year pilot that requires an outside evaluation and expires on January 1, 2012. The Commission supports innovations to improve access to educational materials and reduce students’ costs. It is recommended that the Commission support this bill.

**Status:** May be heard in Assembly Higher Education committee on March 23, 2008.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official support or opposition.

**AB 2458 (Walters) – As Introduced February 21, 2008 – Commission Position – Watch (pending):** This bill would declare the Legislature’s intent to enact legislation that would provide financial rewards for students who graduate early from public colleges and universities. These rewards would be shared

between the student and the institution. This bill has the potential to improve time-to-degree, but more details on costs, scope, and logistics are needed. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill.

**Status:** May be heard in Assembly Higher Education committee on March 23, 2008.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official support or opposition.

## Performance Assessment

**AB 1821 (Portantino) – As Introduced January 18, 2008 – Commission Position – *Watch (pending)*:** This bill, as introduced, would place restrictions on the Trustees of the California State University, relating to hiring executive officers, for contracts entered into after January 1, 2009. The bill would prohibit CSU from approving a hiring contract for an executive officer unless that contract and its terms are adopted by resolution in a duly-noticed board meeting. The bill would also place restrictions on how transition pay and trustee professorships are adopted and included in executive compensation agreements. The bill incorporates some of the ideas the Commission supported in the Assemblymember's earlier AB 1413. The bill also includes other provisions specific to CSU governance that the Commission has no adopted positions on.

**Status:** May be heard in Assembly Higher Education Committee on March 25, 2008.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official support or opposition.

**SB 325 (Scott) – As Amended April 9, 2007 – Commission Position – *Support (pending)*:** This bill, as amended, requires the state to establish an accountability framework for public and independent postsecondary education systems. The bill designates the Commission as the central repository of data for the framework and requires the Commission to collect, maintain and display the required data and to provide biennial summary reports. The Commission is undertaking an extensive effort to measure the performance of postsecondary education. Commission staff is working with the author to clarify its role in the bill.

**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee: Hearing Date Pending. 2-Year Bill.

**Supporters:** California Postsecondary Education Commission, California State University, Latino Coalition for a Healthy California, University of California.

**Opposition:** No official opposition.

**SB 361 (Scott) – As Amended January 7, 2008 – Commission Position – *Support (pending)*:** This bill deletes selected reporting requirements of the California Postsecondary Education Commission from statutes. SB 361 deletes the following reports: adult and continuing education, the financial conditions of independent institutions, evaluations of the Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP), standardized testing, and the Commission's since-replaced "performance indicators." The bill deletes activities that the Commission has replaced with more relevant and purposeful work and helps the Commission by freeing up limited resources for its current adopted priorities. Commission staff worked with Senator Scott to clarify the intent of this bill and continue to work with him on the broader subject of higher education accountability, both in this bill and in SB 325. SB 361 would allow the Commission to pursue higher-priority work by removing some obsolete provisions from our operating statutes.

**Status:** Senate: Passed. Assembly: First reading. Held at desk; 2-Year Bill.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official support or opposition.

**ACR 91 (Mendoza) – As Introduced January 24, 2008 – Commission Position – *Watch (pending)*:**

This measure would express the intent of the Legislature that the California Community Colleges increase the number of full-time tenured and tenure-track employees. Current regulations governing the community colleges call for 75% of the faculty to be full-time employees, but many colleges have not reached that threshold. This resolution calls for the community colleges to make progress towards that goal and calls for increases in salaries and benefits for part-time and non-tenure-track faculty. The Commission has no position on the “75% Law” but may wish to monitor this proposal because it involves issues of faculty compensation.

**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee: Passed. Re-referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**Supporters:** California Federation of Teachers (co-sponsor), Faculty Association of California Community Colleges, (co-sponsor), American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, California Teachers Association.

**Opposition:** (March 4, 2008 version) No official opposition.

## **Private Postsecondary Education**

**AB 2746 (Niello) – As Introduced February 22, 2008 – Commission Position – *Watch (pending)*:**

This bill would revise the Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act of 1989 to the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2008. The bill would establish the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education as a successor agency to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education, in the Department of Consumer Affairs. The bill’s provisions include the new Bureau’s powers, duties, compliance and enforcement processes, definitions of which schools will be covered, approval processes for schools, school and student rights and responsibilities, and penalties for violations. The bill provides that the Act would be repealed on January 1, 2012. The Commission helped draft and supported the 1989 Act and had conducted reviews of both the former Council and Bureau. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill.

**Status:** May be heard in Assembly Higher Education committee on March 25, 2008.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official support or opposition.

## **Private Postsecondary State Oversight**

**AB 519 (Portantino) – As Amended September 7, 2007 – Commission Policy – *Watch*:** This bill, in its original version, would have required the Superintendent of Public Instruction to submit a plan measurement to the Legislature to include data on high school dropouts in the annual Academic Performance Index and to develop a definition of the term “dropout” for that purpose. As substantially amended, it extends limited state oversight of private postsecondary institutions by the Department of Consumer Affairs, from February 1, 2008 to July 1, 2008, with provisions contained in AB 1525 (Cook). It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

**Status:** Senate Inactive File: Assembly Bills; 2-Year Bill.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official supporters or opposition on this version of the measure.

**SB 823 (Perata) – As Amended August 20, 2007 – Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill, as amended, proposes to permanently replace the expiring Private Postsecondary Education Reform Act of 1989 with the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2007. In the interim, the Act is being

temporarily replaced by the provisions of AB 1525 (Cook). A workgroup of stakeholders has been meeting to develop provisions for SB 823. The Commission has a long history of supporting a healthy private postsecondary sector and effective student protections. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee: Hearing Postponed by Committee. 2-Year Bill.

**Supporters:** (July 2, 2007 version) Consumer Attorneys of California, Consumer Federation of California, individual letters from 13 students, San Mateo Community College District.

**Opposition:** (July 2, 2007 version) Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities, California Chamber of Commerce, several community college districts, and several private colleges. A complete list of opposition is available at the Commission's Web site:

[http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/sen/sb\\_0801-0850/sb\\_823\\_cfa\\_20070821\\_130047\\_asm\\_comm.html](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/sen/sb_0801-0850/sb_823_cfa_20070821_130047_asm_comm.html).

## Segmental Mission and Functions

**AB 2469 (Brownley) – As Introduced February 21, 2008 – Commission Position – *Watch (pending)*:** This bill states legislative intent to enact future legislation requiring the Legislative Analyst's Office to convene a working group to review all current reporting requirements applying to postsecondary education systems. This subsequent bill would seek to end all ongoing reporting requirements set in prior budget acts and to establish new, more relevant reports. The working group would include representatives from the fiscal committees in both houses of the Legislature, the Department of Finance, and each of the public postsecondary education systems. The Commission supports elimination obsolete and nonessential reports. This action would allow policymakers to focus on the highest-priority of reports and could lower administrative costs, thus freeing resources for the systems' primary missions. It is recommended that the Commission support this bill.

**Status:** May be heard in Assembly Higher Education committee on March 23, 2008.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official support or opposition.

**AB 2489 (Arambula) – As Introduced February 21, 2008 – Commission Position – *Support, if amended (pending)*:** This bill would require the Little Hoover Commission to review the Education Code and eliminate duplicative, unnecessary and obsolete provisions. The Little Hoover Commission would convene a group of stakeholders to define and identify applicable provisions. The bill's current stakeholders include K-12 representatives and legislative and executive branch representatives, but there are no listed representatives from postsecondary education entities. It is recommended that CPEC support this bill, if it is amended to include the Commission as a stakeholder in this project.

**Status:** May be heard in Assembly Higher Education committee on March 23, 2008..

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official support or opposition.

**SB 1585 (Padilla) – As Introduced February 22, 2008 – Commission Position – *Support (pending)*:** The bill would express legislative intent to direct the community colleges to redefine its priorities and goals on student transfer. The bill states that it is the legislature's priority that community colleges increase the number of students who transfer to four-year institutions. The Commission supports increased access and success of community college transfer students. It is recommended that the Commission support this bill.

**Status:** May be heard in Senate Education committee on March 25, 2008.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official support or opposition.

## **Student Fees and Financial Aid**

**AB 1279 (Coto) – As Amended February 23, 2008.**

**Status:** Gutted and amended to a non-education bill.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official support or opposition.

**AB 2082 (Salas) – As Introduced February 19, 2008 – Commission Position – *Watch (pending)*:**

This bill would add students who had served a minimum of two years in the California National Guard to those receiving first priority for Cal Grant B Entitlement awards. The Cal Grant B program provides access awards for room and board the first year, supplemented by tuition awards in the second year, to the neediest students attending a public or qualifying independent higher education institution. Currently, financially needy students with the highest academic scores have the top priority for these awards. The Commission has historically supported increasing Cal Grant B award levels and extending the tuition and fee component of these awards to all students in their first year of eligibility. It is recommended that the Commission support this bill.

**Status:** Referred to Assembly Higher Education Committee and Veteran's Affairs Committee: May be heard in Assembly Higher Education committee on March 25, 2008.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official supporters or opposition.

**AB 2083 (Núñez) – As Introduced February 19, 2008 – Commission Position – *Support (pending)*:**

This bill would require public postsecondary education systems to establish procedures allowing undocumented students who are eligible for resident tuition under provisions of AB 540 (Firebaugh, Chapter 814, Statutes of 2001) access institutional financial aid programs. This bill would ensure that California complies with Federal law requiring that states enact specific legislation to provide eligibility for state financial aid to students who do not have documentation of legal status in the United States. In 2007, the Commission supported SB 1 (Cedillo), the "Dream Act," which would have provided eligibility for Cal Grant A and B Entitlement awards for students covered under AB 540. The Governor vetoed SB 1 in October 2007. This bill is identical to the proposed SB 1301 (Cedillo). It is recommended that the Commission support this bill.

**Status:** May be heard in Assembly Higher Education committee on March 25, 2008.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official supporters or opposition.

**AB 2365 (De La Torre) – As Introduced February 21, 2008 – Commission Position – *Support (pending)*:**

This bill would increase the percentage of new Cal Grant B recipients eligible for tuition and fee awards in their first academic year from the current ceiling of 2% to 25%, beginning in the 2009–10 academic year. The bill would extend this eligibility to all new Cal Grant recipients beginning in the 2012–13 academic year. Currently, these provisions apply only to Cal Grant B recipients enrolling for the first time in a postsecondary institution. Presently, these first-year students are only eligible for access awards (room and board) during their first academic year; the awards do not cover tuition and fees. The Commission has long supported increasing Cal Grant B award levels and increasing the number of

recipients who receive fee and tuition awards in their first year of eligibility. It is recommended that the Commission support this bill.

**Status:** May be heard in Assembly Higher Education committee on March 24, 2008.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official support or opposition.

**AB 2372 (Coto) – As Introduced February 21, 2008 – Commission Position – *Watch (pending)*:**

This bill would establish the College Affordability Act of 2008 and set forth legislative policy on systemwide resident undergraduate student fees at public postsecondary education systems. The bill would establish the 2008–09 fiscal year as a base for the fee levels and prohibit increases from 2009–10 through 2014–05. The bill would limit any subsequent increases to no greater than the annual percentage change in the California Consumer Price Index.

The bill would also establish an income tax rate of 1% on taxable income above \$1 million. Receipts would be deposited into the state General Fund, with 60% put into the “College Affordability Fund,” created in this bill for continuous appropriation to CSU and UC. The bill would require these funds to be used to directly offset costs of educating resident undergraduate students and lessen the need for fee increases. The bill creates the College Affordability Funding Accountability Panel to annually review expenditure of these funds. The Commission has no adopted policy regarding tax increases, but the bill is consistent with Commission policy of limiting fee increases and of improving accountability for expenditures of public funds. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill.

**Status:** May be heard in Assembly Higher Education committee on March 23, 2008.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official support or opposition.

**AB 2496 (Huffman) – As Introduced February 21, 2008 – Commission Position – *Support, if Amended (pending)*:**

This bill would require expand provisions in law that waive college tuition and fees to surviving children and spouses of public safety workers and military personnel to include survivors of firefighters employed by the federal government assigned to work in California. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill.

**Status:** May be heard in Assembly Higher Education committee on March 23, 2008.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official support or opposition.

**AB 2722 (Duvall) – As Introduced February 22, 2008 – Commission Position – *Watch (pending)*:**

This bill would delete Education Code sections that required 5% reductions in systemwide resident undergraduate student fees at CSU and UC in the 1998–99 and 1999–2000 fiscal years. These provisions had been adopted in earlier state Budget Acts. This bill would provide the CSU and UC with the discretion to set their mandatory systemwide fees, beginning in 2009–10. The bill would require the systems to maintain these fee levels for a four-year period. Aspects of this bill appear to be in conflict with the Commission’s goal of reducing student fees. However, maintaining a student fee level for a four-year period is consistent with adopted Commission policy. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill.

**Status:** May be heard in Assembly Higher Education committee on March 25, 2008.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official support or opposition.

**AB 2876 (Furutani) – As Introduced February 22, 2008 – Commission Position – *Support - Sponsor (pending)*:** This bill would create the Student Loan Integrity Act and expresses legislative intent regarding standards of ethical behavior for financial aid personnel at California colleges and universities. The bill would prohibit representatives of postsecondary institutions from engaging in various behaviors regarding student loans and financial aid. The bill would require all high schools and postsecondary institutions to post warnings to students regarding private student loans. The bill contains various sections detailing actions that would be considered illegal representations of student loan provisions. The bill would permit persons aggrieved by violations of these provisions to recover actual and punitive damages from the educational institution, lender, and their representatives found in violation. In past years, Commissioner Schockman expressed concern about how student loans were being presented to students, and the motivation of providers. It is recommended that the Commission support this bill and perhaps become a sponsor.

**Status:** May be heard in Assembly Higher Education committee on March 25, 2008.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official support or opposition.

**SB 1158 (Scott) – As Introduced February 6, 2008 – Commission Position – *Support (pending)*:** This bill, as introduced, would provide that a credentialed teacher who is teaching at a public school ranked in Deciles 1 or 2, as measured by the Academic Performance Index, is eligible to enter into an agreement for loan assumption if the teacher has not already participated in the loan assumption program. The bill would limit the number of warrants that can be provided to 400 per year. The bill would limit the number of warrants that can be issued to out-of-state teachers to 50 per year, and would reduce the number of warrants that can be issued to district interns from 500 to 100 per year. It is recommended that the Commission support this bill.

**Status:** Senate Education Committee: Hearing Date Pending.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official supporters or opposition.

**SB 1219 (Cedillo) – As Introduced February 14, 2008 – Commission Position – *Watch (pending)*:** This bill would provide a Cal Grant A or B Entitlement award to former members of the U.S. military who were not awarded Cal Grants out of high school, when they enroll in a qualifying postsecondary institution, beginning in the 2009–10 academic year. The bill also requires the Student Aid Commission to make preliminary awards to all currently eligible applicants, and requires participating institutions to conduct random audits to verify that the students who received new and renewal awards meet this provision's eligibility requirements. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill.

**Status:** Senate Education Committee: Hearing Date Pending.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official supporters or opposition.

**SB 1290 (Wyland) – As Introduced February 19, 2008 – Commission Position – *Watch (pending)*:** This bill would require public postsecondary education systems to waive all mandatory tuition and fees for qualified members of the California National Guard. These waivers would apply to up to five years of education. The waivers would apply to people who had served, or are committed to serving, at least three years, among other qualifying provisions. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill.

**Status:** Referred to Veteran's Affairs Committee and Senate Education Committee: Hearing Date Pending.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official supporters or opposition.



**SB 1301 (Cedillo) – As Introduced February 20, 2008 – Commission Position – *Support (pending)*:**

This bill would require public postsecondary education systems to establish procedures allowing undocumented students to be eligible for resident tuition under provisions of AB 540 (Firebaugh, Chapter 814, Statutes of 2001) access institutional financial aid programs. This bill would ensure that California complies with Federal law requiring that states enact legislation to provide eligibility for state financial aid to students who do not have documentation of legal status in the United States. In 2007, the Commission supported SB 1 (Cedillo), the “Dream Act,” which would have provided eligibility for Cal Grant A and B Entitlement awards for students covered under AB 540. The Governor vetoed SB 1 in October 2007. This bill is identical to the proposed AB 2083 (Núñez). It is recommended that the Commission support this bill.

**Status:** Senate Education Committee: Hearing Date Pending.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official supporters or opposition.

**SB 1355 (Corbett) – As Introduced February 20, 2008 – Commission Position – *Support - Sponsor (pending)*:**

This bill would require public and independent postsecondary institutions to provide prospective students with information that more clearly details the differences in costs and terms between private loans and federal loans for student financial aid. The bill would also require institutions to inform students who are considering taking out private loans of the availability and terms of federal loans prior to their accepting a private loan. The Commission has historically supported improving information to students on financing their college education. It is recommended that the Commission support this bill and perhaps become a sponsor.

**Status:** Senate Education Committee: Hearing Date Pending.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official supporters or opposition.

**SB 1457 (Steinberg) – As Introduced February 21, 2008 – Commission Position – *Watch (pending)*:**

This bill would create the California Scholarshare Advancement Vehicle for Education program (CalSAVE) to fund individual scholarship accounts for beneficiaries as determined by the state’s Scholarshare Investment Board. CalSAVE would be created within the current Golden State Scholarshare Trust program. Under existing law, the Scholarshare Trust program may only accept contributions that are designated to specific individuals. This bill would authorize any entity (person or business) to make designated and undesignated contributions into the CalSAVE account. The bill prioritizes as potential beneficiaries of these accounts foster youth, at-risk youth, people with demonstrated economic need, and people seeking postbaccalaureate courses in areas where the state faces shortages. The students targeted in this bill are among the lowest college-going groups in California. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill.

**Status:** Awaiting Committee Assignment.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official support or opposition.

**SB 1621 (Ashburn) – As Introduced February 22, 2008 – Commission Position – *Support (pending)*:**

This bill would make students and graduates of accredited vocational nurse or psychiatric technician programs eligible for the State Nursing Assumption Program of Loans for Education (SNAPLE), if they meet the other program eligibility requirements. Currently, eligible persons who become employed as a full-time nursing faculty at a California college or university are eligible to receive these conditional warrants for loan assumption. This bill expands eligibility to a larger population. The Commission and

other researchers have documented the state's nursing shortage. However, expanding the SNAPLE program will increase program costs. It is recommended that the Commission support this bill.

**Status:** May be heard in Senate Education Committee on March 25, 2008.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official support or opposition.

**SB 1656 (Romero) – As Introduced February 22, 2008 – Commission Position – *Support (pending)*:** This bill would expand the Assumption Program of Loans for Education (APLE) to include qualified applicants who teach full time at a school for juvenile or adult offenders in a county probation facility or Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation facility. The bill would take effect in the 2009–10 academic year and apply to applicants who agree to teach for at least four consecutive academic years after obtaining a teaching credential from schools covered under this bill. The Commission has supported efforts to improve educational opportunities to underserved and under-performing populations. It is recommended that the Commission support this bill.

**Status:** May be heard in Senate Education committee on March 25, 2008.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official support or opposition.

## Workforce Development

**AB 2485 (Furutani) – As Introduced February 21, 2008 – Commission Position – *Support (pending)*:** This bill declares the Legislature's intent to enact future legislation requiring postsecondary education systems to work with industry, labor and others to develop a comprehensive plan to improve the quality of workforce education. This idea is consistent with the Commission-sponsored AB 365 (Portantino) from 2007. It is recommended that the Commission support this bill.

**Status:** May be heard in Assembly Higher Education committee on March 23, 2008.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official support or opposition.

**SB 43 (Torlakson) – As Amended January 7, 2008.**

**Status:** Gutted and amended to a non-education bill.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official support or opposition.

**SB 1288 (Scott) – As Introduced February 19, 2008 – Commission Position – *Watch (pending)*:** This bill would authorize the CSU to award the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. The goals of this degree program would be training of nurses in advanced nursing practice, development of faculty for nursing education programs, and enabling working professionals to earn the degree. Doctoral programs established by CSU under this provision are not to duplicate research-based Ph.D. programs in nursing offered by UC and research institutions. The bill requires CSU to seek non-state funding to establish these programs and to implement this program when sufficient funding has been acquired. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill.

**Status:** May be heard in Senate Education Committee on March 21, 2008.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official supporters or opposition.

**SB 1393 (Scott) – As Introduced February 21, 2008 – Commission Position – *Watch (pending)*:**

This bill would tighten restrictions on which courses CSU and the community colleges can require nursing students to take if the student has a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution. Under current law, these nursing students may only be required to complete coursework needed for licensure as a registered nurse. This bill would specify in law that the *only* courses these students could be required to take are those needed to prepare for licensure as a registered nurse. This bill is intended to increase the number of students completing nursing education programs. However, its potential effect is unclear. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill.

**Status:** May be heard in Senate Education Committee on March 24, 2008.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official support or opposition.

## **Other Areas**

**AB 2277 (Eng) – As Introduced February 21, 2008 – Commission Position – *Watch (pending)*:**

This bill would change Proposition 98-required funding for community college districts set forth in subdivision (b) of Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution. The bill would require that 11% of funds annually appropriated for K-12 and community college districts be allocated each fiscal year to community college districts. It would also require that 11% of funds annually appropriated to K-12 and community college districts as repayment of the maintenance factor also be allocated to community college districts. The bill requires these provisions be phased in but does not set a timeline. Because the community colleges' historic average share of revenues included here is less than 10.5%, this bill would represent a shift in Proposition 98 funding. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill.

**Status:** May be heard in Assembly Higher Education Committee on March 23, 2008.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official support or opposition.

**AB 2296 (Mullin) – As Introduced February 21, 2008 – Commission Position – *Support, if Amended (pending)*:**

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to protect the health and safety of people who work with animal subjects. UC specifically asked for the Commission's support on this issue, in light of recent events. It is recommended that the Commission support this bill.

**Status:** May be heard in Assembly Higher Education committee on March 23, 2008.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official support or opposition.

**AB 2366 (Portantino) – As Introduced February 21, 2008 – Commission Position – *Support, if amended (pending)*:**

This bill would declare legislative intent to enact legislation requiring the California Department of Education to link its California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) with the workforce data system maintained by the Employment Development Department. CALPADS could then monitor student progression through public elementary and secondary schools and into the workforce. The Commission has supported the creation of such a system which would improve the state's education system and employment training programs. It is recommended that the Commission support this bill if it is amended to add data on students who graduated from California colleges and universities.

**Status:** May be heard in Assembly Higher Education committee on March 24, 2008.

**Supporters/Opposition:** No official support or opposition.

## **Staff Recommended “Informal Watch” Bills**

“Informal Watch” bills are those of potential interest to the Commission, or bills in subject areas the Commission has historically followed, but are not being formally monitored at this time. The bills on this list are ones where staff would recommend a “watch” position, and not “support” or “oppose.” This list also includes “spot bills” (those certain to be amended at a later time) that may turn into legislation of interest to the Commission at a later time.

**AB 638 (Bass) – As Amended January 18, 2008 – Commission Position – Informal Watch** This bill would establish the California Physician Assistant Scholarship and Loan Repayment Program within the California Health Professions Education Foundation to provide scholarships to pay for the educational expenses of students enrolled in physician assistant schools and to repay qualifying educational loans of physician assistants who agree to practice in designated medically underserved areas, including rural areas and areas with high poverty rates.

**Status:** Assembly: Passed. Senate Health: Hearing Date Pending. 2-Year Bill.

**AB 876 (Davis) – As Amended January 18, 2008 – Commission Position – Informal Watch** This bill would require CSU and request UC to assist in developing K-12 Career Technical Education (CTE) courses for the purposes of admission to CSU and UC, and to disseminate information about those courses. The bill would require that by July 1, 2010, the California Department of Education (CDE), or another state agency, develop a model CTE curriculum and map the agreements between high schools and individual university campuses that grant university credit or advanced standing for students who complete specific pathway programs of study. Under current law, CDE is required to develop an online resource that posts these terms and agreements and link this information to the CTE website by July 1, 2011.

**Status:** Assembly: Passed. Senate Education Committee: Hearing Date Pending. 2-Year Bill.

**AB 1329 (Houston) – As Amended January 24, 2008 – Commission Position – Informal Watch** This bill states the Legislature’s finding that California has a shortage of occupational therapists. It would require CSU and UC to work with the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Chancellor, the community colleges, and other groups to examine issues relating to the creation of additional occupational therapist training programs and to provide a report to the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature by June 1, 2009. This report would also assess the progress being made to accomplishing the goal of producing greater numbers of occupational therapists.

**Status:** Assembly: Passed. Senate Education Committee: Hearing Date Pending. 2-Year Bill.

**AB 1586 (DeSaulnier) – As Amended January 7, 2008 – Commission Position – Informal Watch** This bill would, notwithstanding any other provision of law, beginning January 1, 2014, require CSU, and strongly urge UC, to recognize the completion of all high school career technical education (CTE) courses that meet the model curriculum standards as satisfying the completion of a general elective course requirement for purposes of admission to that university. Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to coordinate the development of model curriculum standards for a high school CTE course of study on a cyclical basis and to develop a career technical curriculum framework based on specified criteria.

**Status:** Assembly: Passed. Senate Education Committee: Hearing Date Pending. 2-Year Bill.

**AB 1758 (DeVore) – As Amended February 13, 2008 – Commission Position – Informal Watch (pending)** This bill would create the California National Guard Education Assistance Program, for the purpose of promoting recruitment and retention of members of the California National Guard. The bill would require the California National Guard’s Adjutant General to adopt policies and procedures necessary to implement this program.

**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee: Hearing Date March 25, 2008, tentative.

**AB 1869 (Anderson) – As Introduced February 4, 2008 – Commission Position – Informal Watch (pending)** This bill would declare Legislative intent to implement the changes proposed by the California Performance Review (CPR) to eliminate and consolidate various state boards and commissions. The CPR was created in 2004 to restructure and reform state government to make it more responsive to the needs of Californians. The CPR submitted its report to the Governor in January 2006.

**Status:** Assembly: Awaiting Committee Assignment.

**AB 1927 (Galgani) – As Introduced February 12, 2008 – Commission Position – Informal Watch (pending)** This bill would add a provision to the Donahoe Higher Education Act that would require community college, CSU, UC, and private college and university campuses with nursing programs to accept CTE courses as credit toward the completion of nursing education program requirements.

**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee: Hearing Date Pending.

**AB 2191 (Mullin) – As Introduced February 20, 2008 – Commission Position – Informal Watch (pending)** This bill would prohibit the State Controller from purchasing annuity contracts for employees of selected state agencies, including the Postsecondary Education Commission, as related to employee retirement plans. The bill would shift from the Controller’s Office to the State Teachers’ Retirement System the responsibility for offering annuity contracts and other retirement accounts described in Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code to eligible employees. The bill proposes various technical and conforming changes to current state law in order to implement these changes and it deletes obsolete references in law related to these provisions.

**Status:** Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committee: Hearing Date Pending.

**AB 2264 (Furutani) – As Introduced February 21, 2008 – Commission Position – Informal Watch (pending)** This bill would amend current law to allow community college districts to change existing contracts with outside contractors, as specified, without having to re-bid the contract under certain circumstances. This provision would be applicable if the costs of the changes to the contract do not exceed amounts specified in Public Contract Code sections 20651 or 20655.

**Status:** Assembly: Awaiting Committee Assignment.

**AB 2836 (Furutani) – As Introduced February 22, 2008 – Commission Position – Informal Watch (pending)** This bill, as introduced, makes technical changes to provisions of law related to the community colleges’ mission of economic and workforce development. Current law requires this mission to include the advancement of California’s economic growth and global competitiveness through high-quality education and services, among other goals. This is a spot bill.

**Status:** Assembly: Awaiting Committee Assignment.

**AB 2837 (Furutani) – As Introduced February 22, 2008 – Commission Position – Informal Watch (pending)** This bill would express Legislative intent to subsequently amend the bill to include provisions relating to the community colleges' mission of economic and workforce development. This is a spot bill.

**Status:** Assembly: Awaiting Committee Assignment.

**AB 3033 (Nunez) – As Introduced February 22, 2008 – Commission Position – Informal Watch (pending)** This bill would urge the UC Regents and require the Department of General Services to establish standard, "boilerplate" contract provisions governing research that UC undertakes for the state. The areas to be covered in the development of the standardized contract language include: liability, intellectual property rights, publication rights, the rights to future research, invoicing and payments, and hiring and personnel-related issues. The bill would require that the standard contract provisions agreed upon under the bill be used in all research contracts entered into between UC and the state, unless determined to be inappropriate for a specific circumstance.

**Status:** Assembly: May be heard in Committee March 25, 2008.

**ACR 79 (Anderson) – As Amended February 26, 2008 – Commission Position – Informal Watch (pending)** This measure would request UC to divest from foreign companies with business activities in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee: Hearing Postponed by Committee.

**SB 218 (Steinberg) – As Introduced February 9, 2007 – Commission Position – Informal Watch** This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to encourage and enable community colleges to work with public high schools and school districts to create greater opportunity for high school students to earn high school credits on community college campuses.

**Status:** Senate Rules Committee: Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Rule 56. 2-Year Bill.

**SB 1097 (Torlakson) – As Introduced January 14, 2008 – Commission Position – Informal Watch (pending)** This bill would delete the provisions in the Education Code allowing the State Board of Education to modify recommended academic content standards before adopting new standards. The bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to appoint a content standards review panel for each subject area before adopting the curriculum, as specified. It would also require the panels to review content standards in their particular subject areas, and revise the standards as necessary. This bill would require the Board of Education to adopt or reject the standards within 120 days of receipt from the review panels.

**Status:** Senate Education Committee: Hearing Date March 26, 2008, tentative.

**SB 1425 (Steinberg) – As Introduced February 21, 2008 – Commission Position – Informal Watch (pending)** This bill would add student data management to the requirements of the California Department of Education in its management of the state's K–12 education student achievement data system. This system, the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) is designed to collect and report student level data to meet state and federal reporting requirements and to help local school districts better understand student how achievement changes over time. This bill would require CDE, or any future entity administering CALPADS, to manage all student data records and to establish an independent review board to review all requests for individually identifiable data.

**Status:** Senate Education Committee: Hearing Date Pending.

**SB 1578 (Florez) – As Introduced February 22, 2008 – Commission Position – Informal Watch (pending)** This bill would require CSU and request UC to each establish an Office of Gender Equity (OGE) and appoint a Title IX compliance officer to report directly to the OGE. The bill would also require mandatory Title IX and gender equity training for all athletic department personnel and executive-level university management. The bill would establish California Title IX and would make its provisions applicable to CSU and UC, to the extent the UC Regents make them applicable. The bill contains various other related provisions.

**Status:** Senate: Awaiting Committee Assignment.

**SB 1620 (Ashburn) – As Introduced February 22, 2008 – Commission Position – Informal Watch (pending)** This bill would express Legislative intent to enact legislation related to community college faculty hiring requirements. This is a spot bill.

**Status:** Senate: Awaiting Committee Assignment.

**SB 1752 (Wyland) – As Introduced February 22, 2008 – Commission Position – Informal Watch (pending)** This bill would establish the California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program on behalf of qualifying members of the California National Guard, the State Military Reserve, and the Naval Militia. This program would take effect with the 2008–09 academic year and would be administered by the California Student Aid Commission, which would be required to adopt rules and regulations to implement this new program. Award levels would range from average mandatory student fees to the cost of attendance at CSU and UC, in addition to any stipends provided for books and supplies. The awards would be renewable annually for recipients in good standing, as certified by the recipient's organization.

**Status:** Senate: Awaiting Committee Assignment.

**SCA 3 (Ridley-Thomas) – As Introduced December 6, 2006 – Commission Position – Informal Watch** This Constitutional Amendment would require the Legislature to create an independent public postsecondary education system of community colleges as part of the Public School System.

**Status:** Senate Education Committee: Hearing Date Pending. 2-Year Bill.

**SR 18 (Migden) – As Introduced January 17, 2008 – Commission Position – Informal Watch (pending)** This bill would express the Legislature's recommendation that UC should reestablish its "Education Abroad Program" to countries including Israel and the Philippines, and investigate incorporating new locations, including Kenya and Nepal.

**Status:** Senate Education Committee: Hearing Date March 26, 2008, tentative.

# Matrix of 2007–08 Legislative Priority Bills: Updated March 7, 2008

Bill	Author	Subject	CPEC Position	Dead/2 YR 1st Desk 1st Policy 1st Fiscal 1st Floor 2nd Desk 2nd Policy 2nd Fiscal 2nd Floor Conf./Conc. Enrolled Vetoed Chaptered	Comments
AB 100	Mullin	Education facilities: Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2008.	Support, Pending	2nd Policy ██████████	02/07/2008-Referred to Com. on RLS.
AB 519	Portantino	Private postsecondary education.	Watch	2nd Floor ████████████████████	09/11/2007-To inactive file on motion of Senator Romero.
AB 1409	Portantino	Pupils: concurrent enrollment in community college and secondary or elementary school.	Watch	2nd Fiscal ████████████████████	08/30/2007-In committee: Set, first hearing. Held under submission.
AB 1821	Portantino	California State University trustees: executive officer compensation.	Watch, Pending	1st Policy ██████████	03/04/2008-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.
AB 2082	Salas	Student financial aid: military service.	Watch, Pending	1st Policy ██████████	02/28/2008-Referred to Coms. on HIGHER ED. and V.A.
AB 2083	Nunez	Student financial aid: institutional financial aid eligibility.	Support, Pending	1st Policy ██████████	02/28/2008-Referred to Com. on HIGHER ED.
AB 2261	Ruskin	Community colleges: open education resources centers.	Support, Pending	1st Policy ██████████	03/05/2008-Referred to Com. on HIGHER ED.
AB 2277	Eng	Community college districts: education finance.	Watch, Pending	1st Policy ██████████	03/05/2008-Referred to Coms. on HIGHER ED. and ED.
AB 2296	Mullin	Animals.	Support, if Amended, Pending	1st Desk ██████████	02/22/2008-From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.
AB 2365	De La Torre	Cal Grant B awards: award amount.	Support, Pending	1st Policy ██████████	03/06/2008-Referred to Com. on HIGHER ED.
AB 2366	Portantino	Pupil data: workforce outcomes.	Support, if Amended, Pending	1st Desk ██████████	02/23/2008-From printer. May be heard in committee March 24.



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<a href="#">AB 2372</a>	Coto	Public postsecondary education: fees: limitations: tax levy.	Watch, Pending	1st Policy ██████████	03/06/2008-Referred to Coms. on HIGHER ED. and REV. & TAX.
<a href="#">AB 2458</a>	Walters	Public postsecondary education: graduation rates.	Watch, Pending	1st Desk ██████████	02/22/2008-From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.
<a href="#">AB 2469</a>	Brownley	Postsecondary education: reporting requirements.	Support, Pending	1st Desk ██████████	02/22/2008-From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.
<a href="#">AB 2485</a>	Furutani	Workforce development.	Support, Pending	1st Desk ██████████	02/22/2008-From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.
<a href="#">AB 2489</a>	Arambula	Education: code maintenance.	Support, if amended, Pending	1st Policy ██████████	03/06/2008-Referred to Com. on ED.
<a href="#">AB 2496</a>	Huffman	Public postsecondary education: tuition and fees.	Support, if amended, Pending	1st Policy ██████████	03/06/2008-Referred to Com. on HIGHER ED.
<a href="#">AB 2722</a>	Duvall	Public postsecondary education: statewide student fee policy.	Watch, Pending	1st Desk ██████████	02/25/2008-Read first time.
<a href="#">AB 2746</a>	Niello	Private postsecondary education: California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2008.	Watch, Pending	1st Desk ██████████	02/25/2008-Read first time.
<a href="#">AB 2876</a>	Furutani	Postsecondary education: Student Loan Integrity Act.	Support, Pending	1st Desk ██████████	02/25/2008-Read first time.
<a href="#">ACR 91</a>	Mendoza	California Community College faculty.	Watch, Pending	1st Fiscal ██████████████████	03/05/2008-From committee: Be adopted, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-referred. (Ayes 5. Noes 1. Page 4178.) (March 4).
<a href="#">SB 325</a>	Scott	Educational and Economic Goals for California Higher Education.	Support, pending	2nd Policy ██████████████████████████████	06/11/2007-To Com. on HIGHER ED.

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<a href="#">SB 361</a>	Scott	California Postsecondary Education Commission.	Support, pending	2nd Desk ██████████	01/30/2008-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.
<a href="#">SB 823</a>	Perata	California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2007.	Watch	2nd Fiscal ██████████████████	08/31/2007-Hearing postponed by committee. (Refers to 8/30/2007 hearing)
<a href="#">SB 890</a>	Scott	Pupils: Early Commitment to College program.	Watch	Dead ██	08/30/2007-Hearing postponed by committee. (Refers to 8/30/2007 hearing)
<a href="#">SB 1158</a>	Scott	Student financial aid: Assumption Program of Loans for Education.	Support, Pending	1st Policy ██████████	02/14/2008-To Com. on ED.
<a href="#">SB 1219</a>	Cedillo	Student financial aid: member and former members of the Armed Forces.	Watch, Pending	1st Policy ██████████	02/28/2008-To Coms. on ED. and RLS.
<a href="#">SB 1288</a>	Scott	California State University: Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.	Watch, Pending	1st Policy ██████████	02/27/2008-To Com. on ED.
<a href="#">SB 1290</a>	Wyland	National Guard: educational benefits.	Watch, Pending	1st Policy ██████████	02/27/2008-To Coms. on V.A. and ED.
<a href="#">SB 1301</a>	Cedillo	Student financial aid: institutional financial aid eligibility.	Support, Pending	1st Policy ██████████	02/28/2008-To Com. on ED.
<a href="#">SB 1355</a>	Corbett	Postsecondary education: private student loans.	Support, Pending	1st Policy ██████████	02/27/2008-To Com. on ED.
<a href="#">SB 1393</a>	Scott	Nursing programs.	Watch, Pending	1st Policy ██████████	03/05/2008-To Com. on ED.
<a href="#">SB 1457</a>	Steinberg	Golden State Scholarshare Trust Act: CalSAVE program.	Watch, Pending	1st Policy ██████████	03/05/2008-To Com. on ED.
<a href="#">SB 1585</a>	Padilla	California Community Colleges: transfer students.	Support, Pending	1st Policy ██████████	03/05/2008-To Com. on RLS.

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<a href="#">SB 1621</a>	Ashburn	Nursing education.	Support, Pending	1st Policy ██████████	03/05/2008-To Com. on ED.
<a href="#">SB 1656</a>	Romero	Student financial aid: Assumption Program of Loans for Education: eligibility.	Support, Pending	1st Policy ██████████	03/05/2008-To Com. on ED.

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